

## **ARC's ISO 14001 Certification Program**

A comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) enables ARC to plan, execute, and check results regarding its environmental policies and procedures, and to then make necessary changes to ensure enhanced environmental performance. ARC's Environmental Management System (EMS) supports our commitment to Integrated Safety Management, providing a mechanism for continuous improvement. The EMS also assures that the environmental impacts of our day-to-day activities are considered and minimized to the extent possible.

Environmental, safety and health considerations are integral to all activities at the Albany Research Center, from initial planning to project completion. We are committed to our Environmental Management System (EMS), which provides the framework for identifying objectives and targets, pollution prevention, and waste minimization. We continually improve our EMS as a result of periodic reviews and audits. We comply with relevant federal, state, and local environmental legislation, regulations, and guidance, and we adhere to DOE's Policies and Procedures. We are also committed to open communication with the Albany, Oregon, community on our Environmental Management System.

The ISO 14001 standard provides the framework by which an organization can establish and manage its environmental goals. By attaining ISO 14001 Certification, ARC will obtain independent confirmation that its Environmental Management System meets the requirements of the ISO 14001 standard. Why are we pursuing ISO certification?

- ▶ It's a distinction recognized worldwide.
- ▶ It can help us be the best we can!
- ▶ It will enable us to comply with the Executive Order 13148 that all Federal sites have an Environmental Management System (EMS) in place by 2005.

You can also learn more about how ARC plans to address its environmental aspects and the proposed schedule for ARC's registration audit. Comments, questions, and ideas for continuous improvement can be forwarded to Dave Maurice (links to: [maurice@alrc.doe.gov](mailto:maurice@alrc.doe.gov)), ARC's Environmental Representative.